



Alexandra Park Junior School

Year 5 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year.

Our topic this term is all about the Earth and Space.

We will be learning about:

- The movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.
- The movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.
- The Sun, Earth, Moon being approximately spherical bodies.
- How the Earth's rotation causes day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

We will have a visit from a planetarium to help with our understanding.

This will link to our learning in geography, where we will be looking at the world from the ISS. We will be looking at lines of latitude and longitude and how the ISS helps the Earth.

We will be reading a non-fiction book about space to help us write a non-chronological report. Then we will read War of the Worlds and use this to help inspire our own science fiction stories.

In DT we will be making drivable moon buggies.

In maths we will be covering a range of objectives, including place value of numbers up to 1,000,000, formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The Year 5 team

Class 7 Mrs Heywood and Miss Akhtar

Class 8 Miss Ali and Miss Shena

Class 9 Miss Bradley and Mrs White

Miss Usma and Miss Fozia will also be supporting across the year group.

Homework:

Children need to learn their spellings and timetables every day at home. They also need to read their reading book at home everyday, and we request that after reading with your child, you log this on Boom Reader.

As a school we pay for subscriptions to TT Rockstars, Letterjoin and Spelling Shed. Please encourage your child to use these valuable learning resources at home.

School Fund:

We are requesting a school fund contribution of £10 per child per term. This will pay for all educational trips and visitors to school. If there are any additional costs the school will subsidise these (with the exception of the pantomime). Without your generous contributions we may not be able to offer all of the fantastic experiences that we hope to throughout the year. We offer our heartfelt thanks for this and hope you continue to help us enrich your child's learning.

PE days:

Class 7- Monday and Tuesday.

Class 8-Monday and Tuesday.

Class 9- Tuesday and Thursday.

The school P.E. kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings and black pumps. Trainers and black jogging pants can be worn in cold weather..

Please ensure your child has the correct kit on those days.

